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## Background and Acknowledgements

The North Carolina Violent Death Reporting System (NC-VDRS) is a CDC-funded state-wide surveillance system that collects detailed information on deaths that occur in N.C. resulting from violence: homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, legal intervention, and deaths for which intent could not be determined. NC-VDRS is a multi-source system that gathers information from death certificates, medical examiner reports, and law enforcement reports. The goal of this system is to aid researchers, legislators, and community interest groups in the development of public health prevention strategies to reduce violent deaths. NC-VDRS began collecting data in January, 2004. This document summarizes provisional data for North Carolina residents that occurred in 2008.

An Annual Report for 2008 will be completed by summer of 2011. More information and reports can be found at: [www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm](http://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/About/ncVDRS.htm)

Each year since the inception of NC-VDRS, the state has had more violent deaths. Since its beginning, many people have helped pave the way to make NC-VDRS one of the best in the nation. The task of locating, abstracting, entering, and evaluating the data that are used to create the NC-VDRS is challenging, time consuming, and difficult. The extent and quality of the data in this report are the direct result of the dedication of the NC-VDRS staff: Tammy Norwood, Program Manager, and Susan Autry and Jessica Fine, Statistical Research Assistants.

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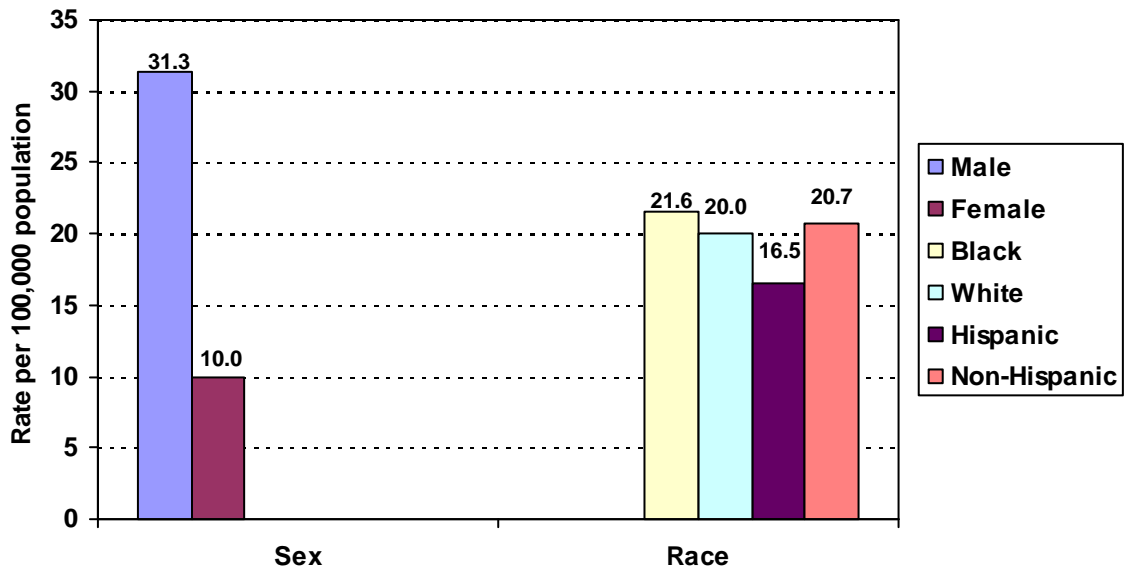
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## SECTION I: OVERALL

Table 1: Sex, Race, and Age Group of Violent Death Victims, N.C. 2008					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Sex</b>					
	Female	471	25.0	10.0	9.1 - 10.9
	Male	1413	75.0	31.3	29.7 - 32.9
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	36	1.9	30.0	20.2 - 39.8
	Asian	26	1.4	13.3	8.2 - 18.4
	Black	438	23.2	21.6	19.6 - 23.6
	White	1378	73.1	20.0	18.9 - 21.1
	Other/Unknown	6	0.3	*	*
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	113	6.0	16.5	13.5 - 19.5
	Non-Hispanic	1771	94.0	20.7	19.7 - 21.7
<b>Age Group</b>					
	< 1	13	0.7	9.7	4.4 - 15
	1 - 4	19	1.0	3.7	2.1 - 5.3
	5 - 9	5	0.3	0.8	0.1 - 1.5
	10 - 14	13	0.7	2.2	1.0 - 3.4
	15 - 19	103	5.5	16.4	13.2 - 19.6
	20 - 24	207	11.0	33.0	28.5 - 37.5
	25 - 34	368	19.5	29.8	26.8 - 32.8
	35 - 44	352	18.7	26.2	23.5 - 28.9
	45 - 54	364	19.3	27.5	24.7 - 30.3
	55 - 64	227	12.0	21.5	18.7 - 24.3
	65 - 74	103	5.5	16.7	13.5 - 19.9
	75 - 84	81	4.3	21.7	17.0 - 26.4
	85 +	29	1.5	19.6	12.5 - 26.7
<b>Total Deaths</b>		1884	100.0	20.4	19.5 - 21.3

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### Overall Violent Death Rates by Gender and Race, N.C. 2008



### Overall Violent Death Rates by Age, N.C. 2008

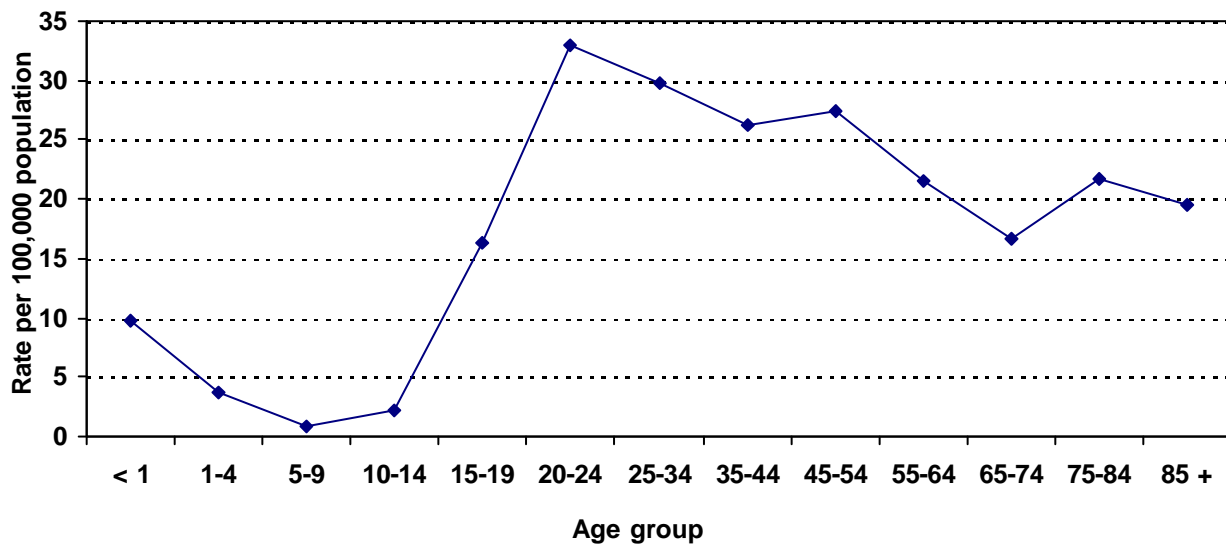
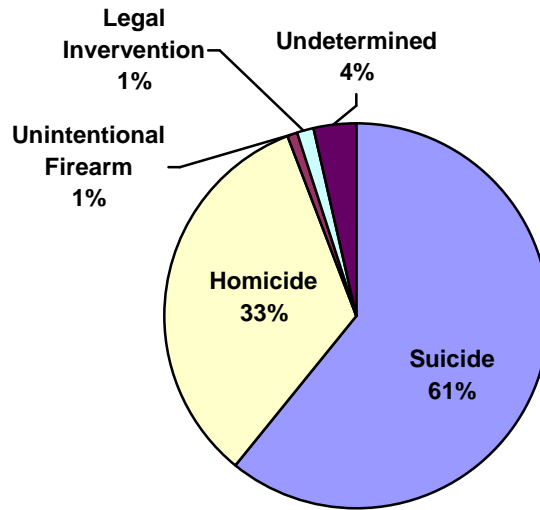
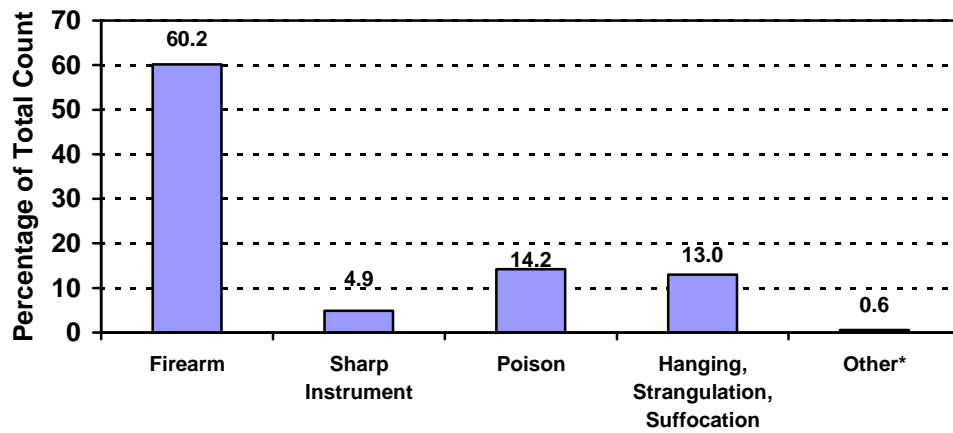


Table 2: Manner and Method of Violent Death Victims, N.C. 2008			
		Number	%
<b>Manner of Death</b>			
	Suicide	1148	60.9
	Homicide	627	33.3
	Undetermined Intent	67	3.6
	Legal Intervention	28	1.5
	Unintentional Firearm	14	0.7
<b>Method</b>			
	Firearm	1134	60.2
	Poisoning	267	14.2
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	245	13.0
	Sharp Instrument	93	4.9
	Blunt Instrument	28	1.5
	Unarmed Assault	42	2.2
	Fire/ Burn	11	0.6
	Drowning	16	0.8
	Motor Vehicle	18	1.0
	Fall	10	0.5
	Other Transport Vehicle	3	0.2
	Violent Shaking	2	0.1
	Intentional Neglect	4	0.2
	Other/ Unknown	11	0.6
<b>Total Deaths</b>		1884	100.0

### Manner of Violent Death, N.C. 2008



### Method of Death for Overall Violent Deaths, N.C. 2008

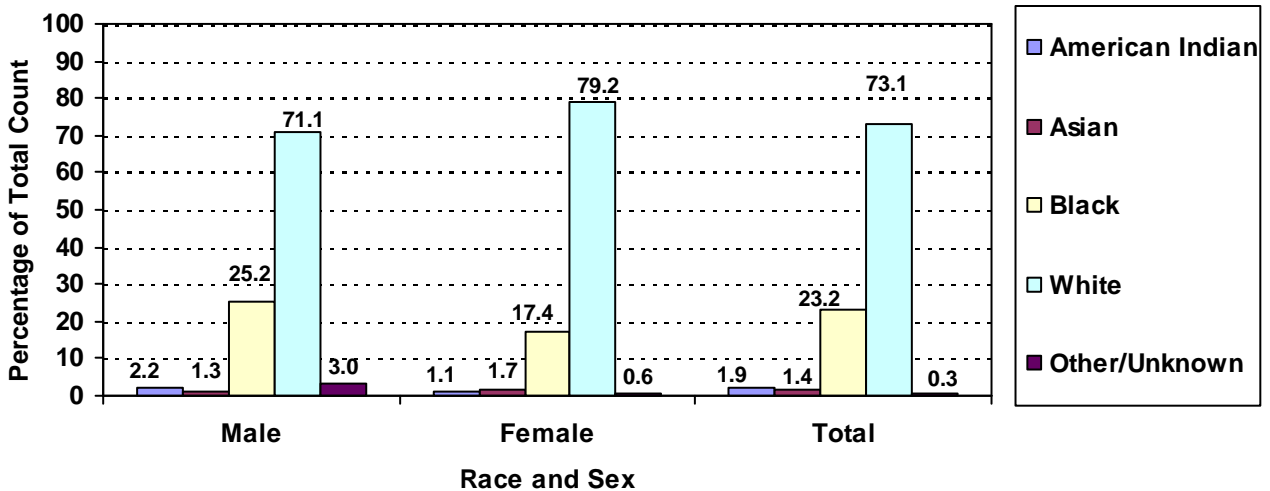


\* Other includes: blunt instrument, unarmed assault, fall, drowning, fire/ burn, violent shaking, motor vehicle/other transport, intentional neglect, and unknown.

**Table 3: Race by Sex of Violent Death Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race						
American Indian	31	2.2	5	1.1	36	1.9
Asian	18	1.3	8	1.7	26	1.4
Black	356	25.2	82	17.4	438	23.2
White	1005	71.1	373	79.2	1378	73.1
Other/ Unknown	3	0.2	3	0.6	6	0.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>100.0</b>

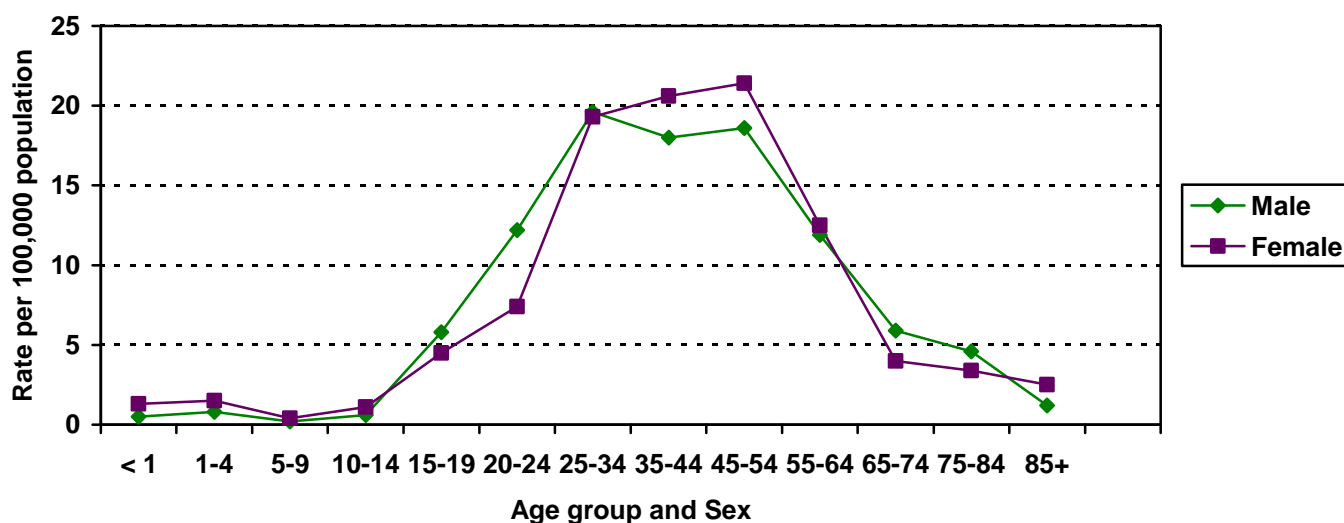
**Race by Sex of Violent Death Victims, N.C. 2008**



**Table 4: Age Group by Sex of Violent Death Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Age Group</b>						
< 1	7	0.5	6	1.3	13	0.7
1 - 4	12	0.8	7	1.5	19	1.0
5 - 9	3	0.2	2	0.4	5	0.3
10 - 14	8	0.6	5	1.1	13	0.7
15 - 19	82	5.8	21	4.5	103	5.5
20 - 24	172	12.2	35	7.4	207	11.0
25 - 34	277	19.6	91	19.3	368	19.5
35 - 44	255	18.0	97	20.6	352	18.7
45 - 54	263	18.6	101	21.4	364	19.3
55 - 64	168	11.9	59	12.5	227	12.0
65 - 74	84	5.9	19	4.0	103	5.5
75 - 84	65	4.6	16	3.4	81	4.3
85 +	17	1.2	12	2.5	29	1.5
<b>Total Deaths</b>	1413	100.0	471	100.0	1884	100.0

**Violent Death Rate: Age Group by Sex of Victims, N.C. 2008**



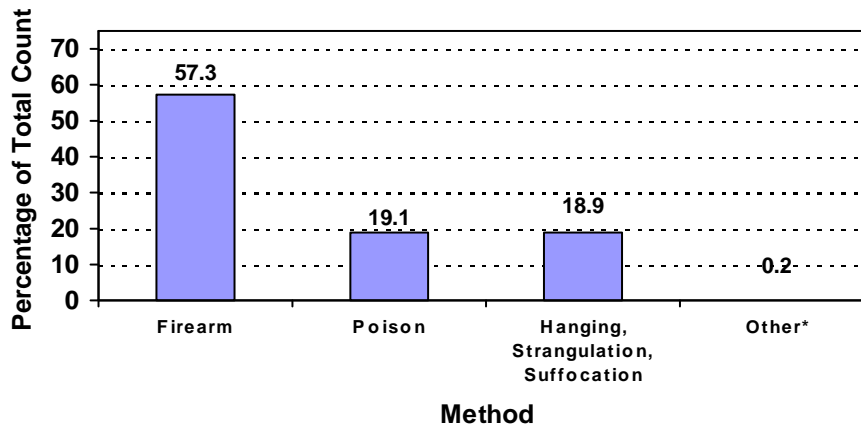
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## SECTION II: SUICIDE

Table 5: Sex, Race, and Age Group of Suicide Victims, N.C. 2008					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Sex</b>					
	Female	270	23.5	6.6	5.8 - 7.4
	Male	878	76.5	22.7	21.2 - 24.2
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	11	1.0	11.0	4.5 - 17.5
	Asian	18	1.6	11.1	6.0 - 16.2
	Black	109	9.5	6.3	5.1 - 7.5
	White	1008	87.8	16.9	15.9 - 17.9
	Other/ Unknown	2	0.2	*	*
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	32	2.8	6.5	4.3 - 8.7
	Non-Hispanic	1116	97.2	15.0	14.1 - 15.9
<b>Age Group</b>					
	10 - 14	5	0.4	0.8	0.1 - 1.5
	15 - 19	44	3.8	7.0	4.9 - 9.1
	20 - 24	86	7.5	13.7	10.8 - 16.6
	25 - 34	179	15.6	14.5	12.4 - 16.6
	35 - 44	231	20.1	17.2	15 - 19.4
	45 - 54	252	22.0	19.0	16.7 - 21.3
	55 - 64	173	15.1	16.4	14 - 18.8
	65 - 74	82	7.1	13.3	10.4 - 16.2
	75 - 84	71	6.2	19.0	14.6 - 23.4
	85 +	25	2.2	16.9	10.3 - 23.5
<b>Total Deaths</b>		1148	100.0	14.4	13.6 - 15.2

\* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

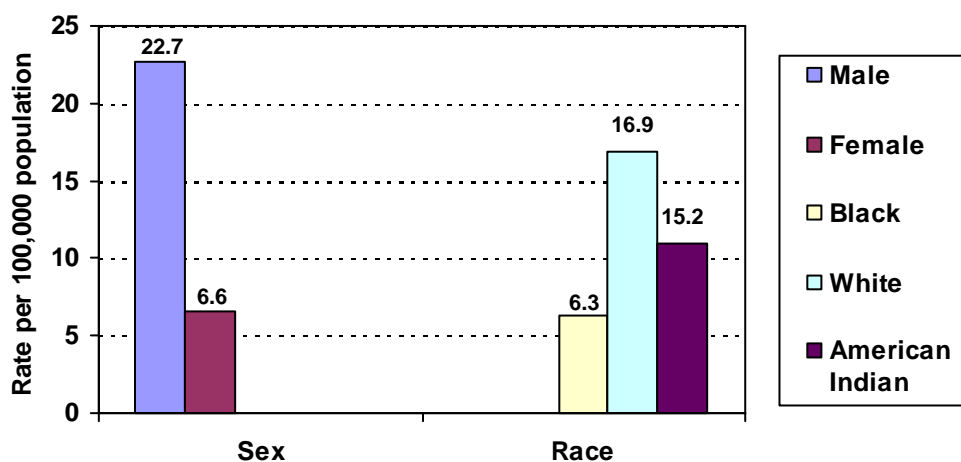
### Method of Death for Suicides, N.C. 2008



\* Other methods include: sharp and blunt instruments, unarmed assaults, fires or burns, drowning, motor vehicle, falls, violent shaking, intentional neglect, and other unspecified methods.

Table 6: Method of Death for Suicides, N.C. 2008			
		Number	%
Method			
	Firearm	658	57.3
	Poisoning	219	19.1
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	217	18.9
	Sharp Instrument	16	1.4
	Drowning	14	1.2
	Fall	9	0.8
	Fire/ Burn	5	0.4
	Other Transport Vehicle	3	0.3
	Motor Vehicle	5	0.4
	Other/ Unknown	2	0.2
<b>Total Deaths</b>		1148	100.0

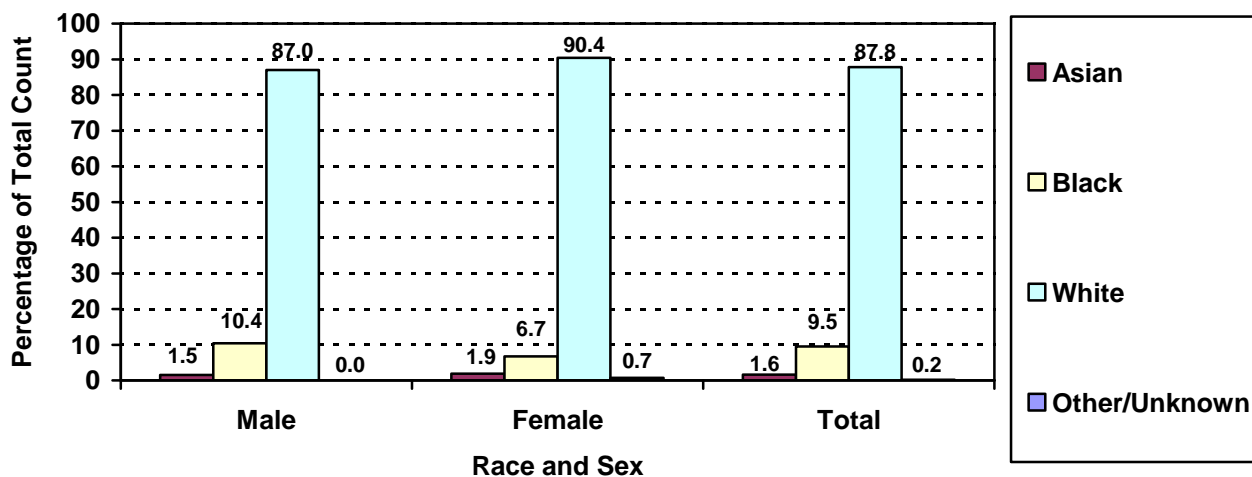
### Suicide Rates by Sex and Race, N.C. 2008



**Table 7: Race by Sex of Suicide Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race						
American Indian	10	1.1	1	0.4	11	1.0
Asian	13	1.5	5	1.9	18	1.6
Black	91	10.4	18	6.7	109	9.5
White	764	87.0	244	90.4	1008	87.8
Other/ Unknown	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.2
<b>Total Deaths</b>	878	100.0	270	100.0	1148	100.0

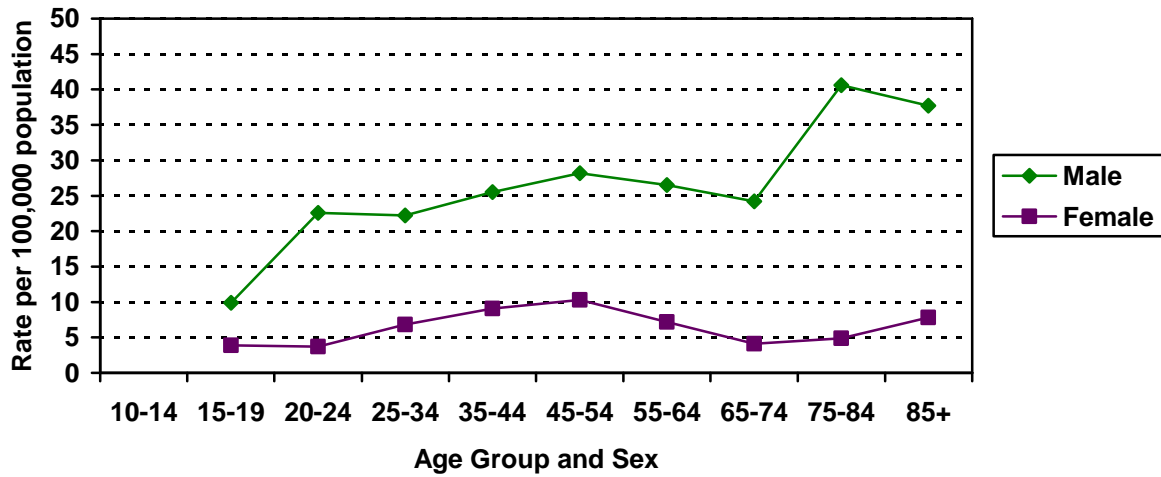
**Race by Sex of Suicide Victims,  
N.C. 2008**



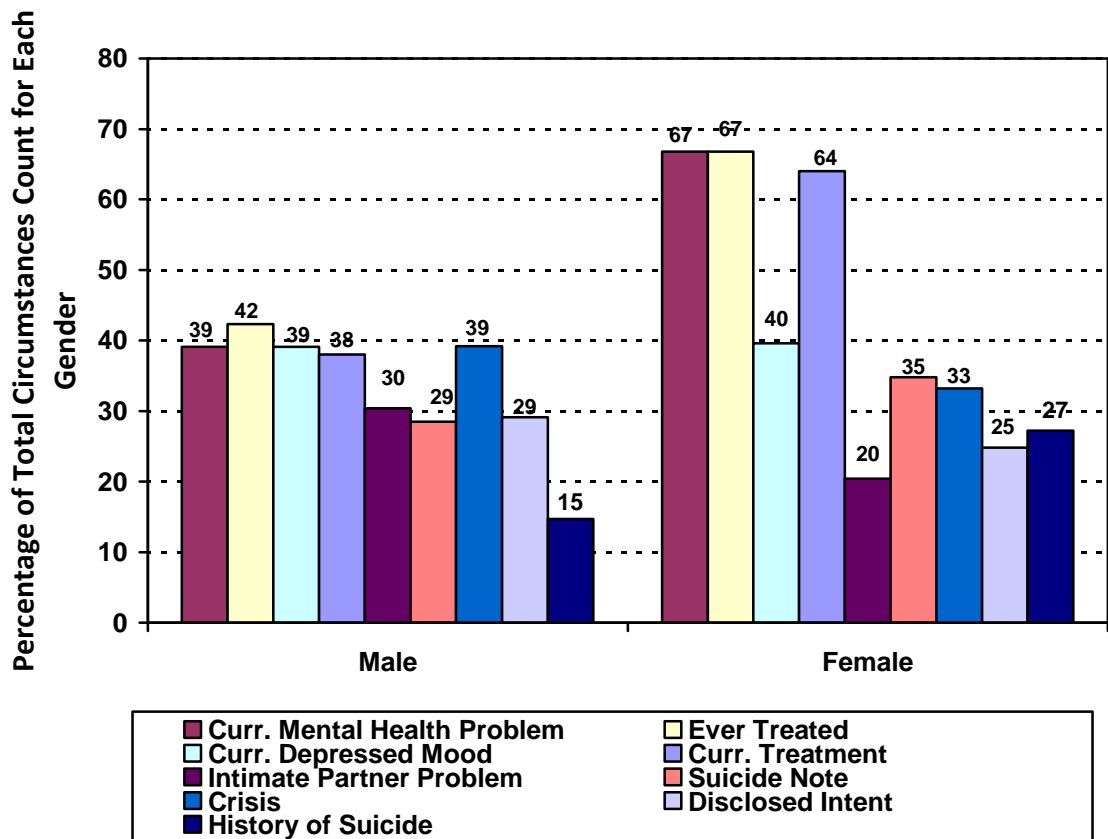
**Table 8: Age Group by Sex of Suicide Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age Group						
10 - 14	4	0.5	1	0.4	5	0.4
15 - 19	32	3.6	12	4.4	44	3.8
20 - 24	75	8.5	11	4.1	86	7.5
25 - 34	137	15.6	42	15.6	179	15.6
35 - 44	170	19.4	61	22.6	231	20.1
45 - 54	182	20.7	70	25.9	252	22.0
55 - 64	133	15.1	40	14.8	173	15.1
65 - 74	68	7.7	14	5.2	82	7.1
75 - 84	60	6.8	11	4.1	71	6.2
85 +	17	1.9	8	3.0	25	2.2
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Suicide Rate: Age Group by Sex of Victims, N.C. 2008



### Circumstances by Sex for Suicide Victims, N.C. 2008



\* Note: Multiple options are available therefore such responses add up to more than 100%. This figure does not include all circumstances.

**Table 9: Circumstances of Suicide Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Victim Circumstances</b>						
Current mental health problem	338	42.1	167	66.8	505	48.0
Current depressed mood	314	39.1	99	39.6	413	39.2
Current treatment for mental illness	305	38.0	160	64.0	465	44.2
Ever treated for mental illness	340	42.3	167	66.8	507	48.1
Alcohol problem	130	16.2	28	11.2	158	15.0
Other substance abuse problem	103	12.8	30	12.0	133	12.6
Left a suicide note	229	28.5	87	34.8	316	30.0
Disclosed intent to commit suicide	234	29.1	62	24.8	296	28.1
History of suicide attempts	118	14.7	68	27.2	186	17.7
Crisis in past two weeks	315	39.2	83	33.2	398	37.8
Physical health problem	145	18.1	54	21.6	199	18.9
Intimate partner problem	244	30.4	51	20.4	295	28.0
Other relationship problem	60	7.5	20	8.0	80	7.6
Job problem	65	8.1	14	5.6	79	7.5
School problem	2	0.2	1	0.4	3	0.3
Financial problem	62	7.7	12	4.8	74	7.0
Suicide of family or friend in past 5 years	8	1.0	6	2.4	14	1.3
Other death of friend/family	33	4.1	14	5.6	47	4.5
Recent criminal/legal problem	81	10.1	8	3.2	89	8.5
Other legal problems	20	2.5	5	2.0	25	2.4
Perpetrator of interpersonal violence in past month	74	9.2	7	2.8	81	7.7
Victim of interpersonal violence in past month	3	0.4	4	1.6	7	0.7

\* Circumstances are only available for 1,000 of the 1,085 suicide deaths where age was  $\geq 10$ .

**Table 10: Mental Illnesses Under Treatment at the Time of Suicide,  
N.C. 2008**

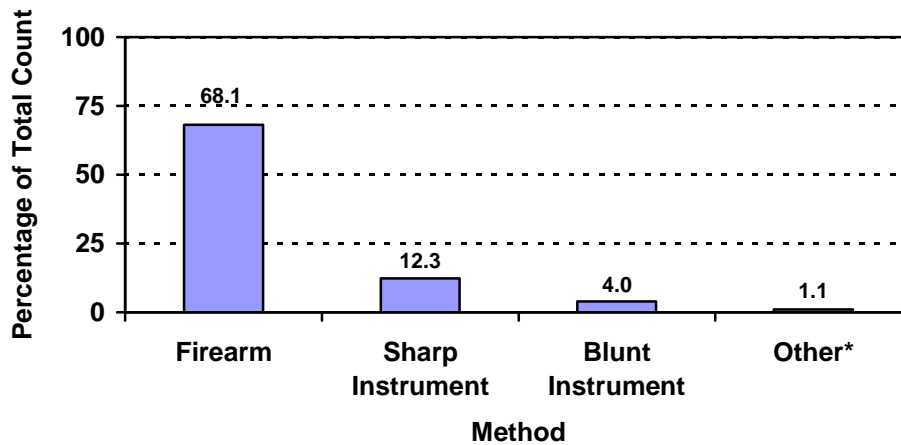
	Male	Female	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	%
<b>Mental Illness</b>				
Depression/ dysthymia	278	137	415	69.4
Bipolar disorder	44	32	76	12.7
Anxiety disorder	26	18	44	7.4
Unknown	6	5	11	1.8
Schizophrenia	16	4	20	3.3
Other	16	1	17	2.8
Post-traumatic stress disorder	7	0	7	1.2
ADD or hyper-reactivity disorder	4	0	4	0.7
Eating disorder	0	3	3	0.5

### SECTION III: HOMICIDE

Table 11: Sex, Race, and Age Group of Homicide Victims, N.C. 2008					
		Number	%	Rate	CI
<b>Sex</b>					
	Female	161	25.7	3.4	2.9 - 3.9
	Male	466	74.3	10.3	9.4 - 11.2
<b>Race</b>					
	American Indian	22	3.5	18.3	10.7 - 25.9
	Asian	5	0.8	2.6	0.4 - 4.8
	Black	305	48.6	15.0	13.3 - 16.7
	White	291	46.4	4.2	3.7 - 4.7
	Other/ Unknown	4	0.6	*	*
<b>Hispanic</b>					
	Hispanic	79	12.6	11.5	9.0 – 14.0
	Non-Hispanic	548	87.4	6.4	5.9 - 6.9
<b>Age Group</b>					
	< 1	13	2.1	9.7	4.4 - 15
	1 - 4	14	2.2	2.7	1.3 - 4.1
	5 - 9	5	0.8	0.8	0.1 - 1.5
	10 - 14	6	1.0	1.0	0.2 - 1.8
	15 - 19	54	8.6	8.6	6.3 - 10.9
	20 - 24	113	18.0	18.0	14.7 - 21.3
	25 - 34	167	26.6	13.5	11.4 - 15.6
	35 - 44	95	15.2	7.1	5.7 - 8.5
	45 - 54	91	14.5	6.9	5.5 - 8.3
	55 - 64	40	6.4	3.8	2.6 – 5.0
	65 - 74	16	2.6	2.6	1.3 - 3.9
	75 - 84	9	1.4	2.4	0.8 – 4.0
	85 +	4	0.6	*	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>		627	100.0	6.8	6.3 - 7.3

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### Method of Death for Homicides, N.C. 2008

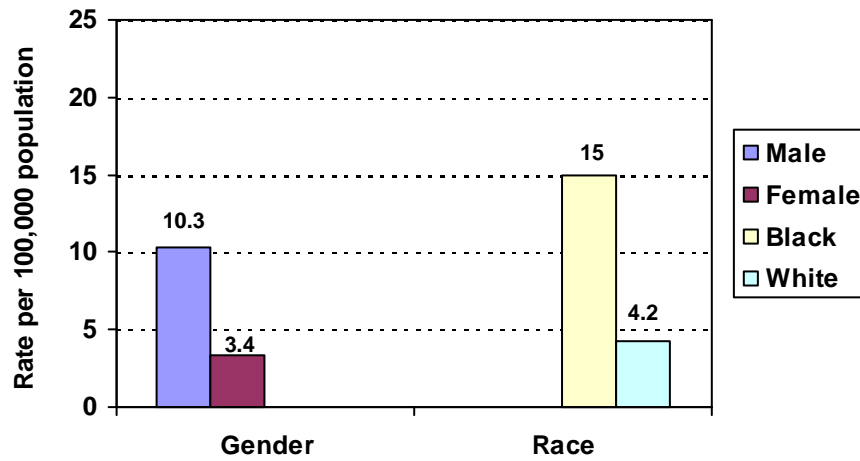


\*Other includes: hanging/strangulation/suffocation, poisoning, unarmed assault, drowning, fire/ burn, violent shaking, motor vehicle, intentional neglect, and unknown method.

**Table 12: Method of Death for Homicides, N.C. 2008**

Method		Number	%
	Firearm	427	68.1
	Sharp Instrument	77	12.3
	Blunt Instrument	25	4
	Unarmed Assault	42	6.7
	Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	27	4.3
	Fire/ Burn	4	0.6
	Motor Vehicle	11	1.8
	Poisoning	1	0.2
	Violent Shaking	2	0.3
	Drowning	0	0
	Intentional Neglect	4	0.6
	Unknown	7	1.1
<b>Total Deaths</b>		<b>627</b>	<b>100.0</b>

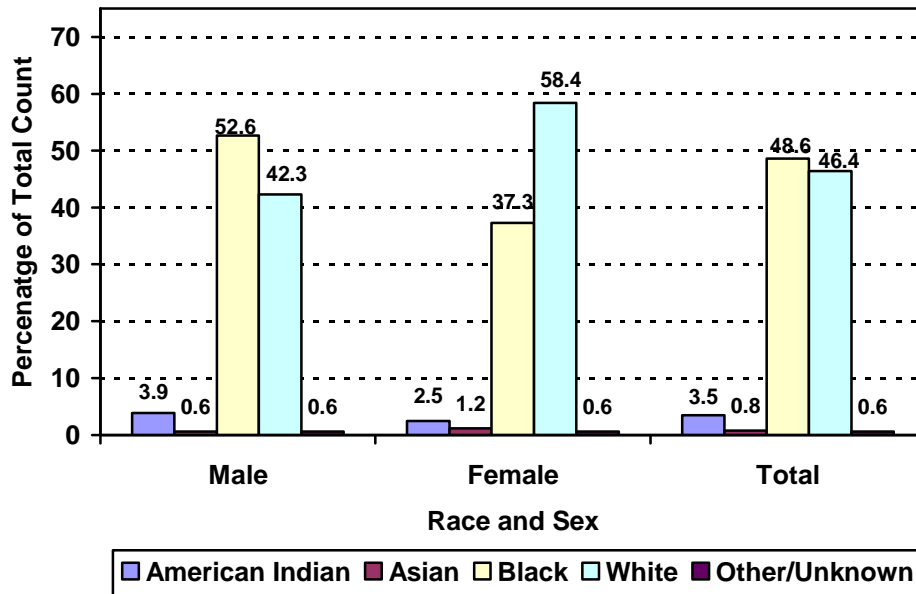
### Homicide Rates by Sex and Race, N.C. 2008



**Table 13: Race by Sex of Homicide Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Race						
American Indian	18	3.9	4	2.5	22	3.5
Asian	3	0.6	2	1.2	5	0.8
Black	245	52.6	60	37.3	305	48.6
White	197	42.3	94	58.4	291	46.4
Other/Unknown	3	0.6	1	0.6	4	0.6
<b>Total Deaths</b>	466	100.0	161	100.0	627	100.0

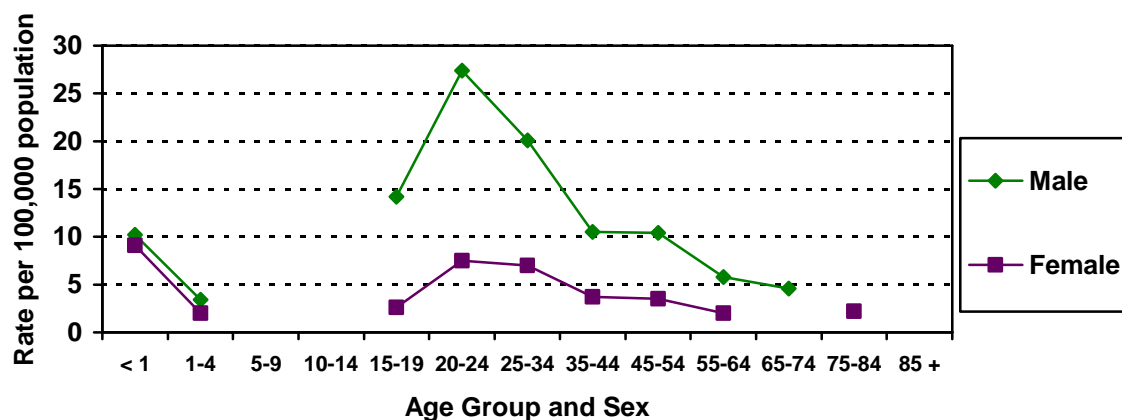
### Race by Sex of Homicide Victims, N.C. 2008



**Table 14: Age Group by Sex of Homicide Victims, N.C. 2008**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age Group						
< 1	7	1.5	6	3.7	13	2.1
1 - 4	9	1.9	5	3.1	14	2.2
5 - 9	3	0.6	2	1.2	5	0.8
10 - 14	3	0.6	3	1.9	6	1.0
15 - 19	46	9.9	8	5.0	54	8.6
20 - 24	91	19.5	22	13.7	113	18.0
25 - 34	124	26.6	43	26.7	167	26.6
35 - 44	70	15.0	25	15.5	95	15.2
45 - 54	67	14.4	24	14.9	91	14.5
55 - 64	29	6.2	11	6.8	40	6.4
65 - 74	13	2.8	3	1.9	16	2.6
75 - 84	4	0.9	5	3.1	9	1.4
85 +	0	0.0	4	2.5	4	0.6
<b>Total Deaths</b>	466	100.0	161	100.0	627	100.0

**Homicide Rates: Age Group by Sex of Victims, N.C.  
2007 - 2008**



Note: Some values are zero or not available due to the small number of deaths, and so the lines appear to be "broken".

Table 15: Circumstances of Homicides, N.C. 2008			
		Number*	%
<b>Event Circumstances</b>			
	Precipitated by another serious crime	188	33.4
	Other argument, abuse, or conflict	263	46.7
	Intimate partner violence related	125	22.2
	Drug involvement	84	14.9
	Argument over money or property	38	6.7
	Gang related	14	2.5
	Jealousy (lover's triangle)	24	4.3
	Brawl (mutual physical fight)	0	0.0
	Mercy killing	1	0.2
<b>Victim Characteristics</b>			
	Victim used a weapon	54	9.6
	Justifiable self defense	12	2.1
	Victim was a bystander	11	2.0
	Intervener assisting a crime victim	3	0.5
	Victim was a police officer on duty	2	0.4

\* Only 610 of the 675 homicides cases had circumstance information.

Table 16: Crimes Precipitating Homicides, N.C. 2008				
	Male	Female	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	%
Crime				
Robbery	82	10	92	38.2
Burglary	44	9	53	22
Drug trade	29	0	29	12.0
Assault, homicide	12	5	17	7.1
Rape, sexual assault	3	16	19	7.9
Motor vehicle theft	8	1	9	3.7
Arson	1	5	6	2.5
Other	5	5	10	4.1
Gambling	4	0	4	1.7
Witness intimidation/elimination	2	0	2	0.8

Table 17: Type of Weapon by Manner of Death, N.C. 2008												
Weapon Type	Manner of Death											
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Firearm	658	57.3	427	68.1	14	100.0	28	100.0	7	10.4	1134	60.2
Sharp Instrument	16	1.4	77	12.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	4.9
Blunt Instrument	0	0	25	4.0	0	0	0	0	3	4.5	28	1.5
Poisoning	219	19.1	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	47	70.1	267	14.2
Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	217	18.9	27	4.3	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	245	13.0
Unarmed Assault	0	0	42	6.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	2.2
Fall	9	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	10	0.5
Drowning	14	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.0	16	0.8
Fire or Burns	5	0.4	4	0.6	0	0	0	0	2	3.0	11	0.6
Violent Shaking	0	0	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1
Motor Vehicle	5	0.4	11	1.8	0	0	0	0	2	3.0	18	1.0
Other Transport Vehicle	3	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2
Intentional Neglect	0	0	4	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2
Other/ Unknown	2	0.2	7	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	3.0	11	0.6
<b>Total Deaths</b>	1148	100.0	627	100.0	14	100.0	28	100.0	67	100.0	1884	100.0

\* The number of deaths was zero or too small to support the calculation of a rate.

**Table 18: Type of Firearm by Manner of Death, N.C. 2008**  
***For Firearm Deaths only***

Firearm Type	Manner of Death											
	Suicide		Homicide		Unintentional Firearm		Legal Intervention		Undetermined Intent		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Handgun	443	67.3	337	78.9	10	71.4	24	85.7	5	71.4	819	72.2
Shotgun	135	20.5	36	8.4	2	14.3	1	3.6	2	28.6	176	15.5
Rifle	71	10.8	32	7.5	2	14.3	0	0	0	0	105	9.3
Unknown firearm type	7	1.1	22	5.2	0	0	3	10.7	0	0	32	2.8
Other	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
<b>Total Deaths</b>	658	100.0	427	100.0	14	100.0	28	100.0	7	100.0	1134	100.0

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Manner of Death						Total	
County of Injury	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Alamance	20	7	0	0	1	28	18.9
Alexander	9	3	0	0	1	13	35.6
Alleghany	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Anson	5	5	0	0	1	11	43.7
Ashe	9	0	0	0	1	10	38.9
Avery	3	0	0	0	0	3	*
Beaufort	6	1	1	0	0	8	*
Bertie	0	1	0	0	0	1	*
Bladen	3	3	1	1	0	8	*
Brunswick	14	6	0	0	1	21	20.4
Buncombe	43	6	0	0	2	51	22.3
Burke	13	7	0	0	1	21	23.5
Cabarrus	15	14	0	0	1	30	17.8
Caldwell	12	8	0	0	0	20	25.0
Camden	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Carteret	7	1	0	0	2	10	15.8
Caswell	5	3	0	0	0	8	*
Catawba	32	16	0	2	3	53	33.7
Chatham	9	1	0	0	0	10	15.9
Cherokee	5	2	1	0	0	8	*
Chowan	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Clay	2	0	0	0	0	2	*

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Manner of Death						Total	
County of Injury	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Cleveland	23	7	0	0	1	31	31.3
Columbus	5	4	0	1	0	10	18.4
Craven	12	8	0	1	0	21	21.7
Cumberland	49	34	0	1	5	89	28.5
Currituck	4	0	0	0	0	4	*
Dare	5	0	0	1	0	6	*
Davidson	22	7	0	1	0	30	19
Davie	3	2	0	0	1	6	*
Duplin	11	8	1	0	1	21	39.4
Durham	27	24	0	0	3	54	20.6
Edgecombe	4	10	0	1	0	15	28.5
Forsyth	44	21	0	1	4	70	20.4
Franklin	7	3	0	0	0	10	17.0
Gaston	26	15	0	3	2	46	22.3
Gates	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Graham	2	0	0	0	0	2	*
Granville	7	0	1	0	1	9	*
Greene	3	2	0	0	0	5	*
Guilford	46	34	0	5	2	87	18.4
Halifax	7	4	0	0	0	11	20.0
Harnett	9	5	0	0	2	16	14.3

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Manner of Death						Total	
County of Injury	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Haywood	10	1	0	0	0	11	19.4
Henderson	24	3	0	0	0	27	26.4
Hertford	1	3	0	0	0	4	*
Hoke	1	3	0	0	0	4	*
Hyde	17	7	0	0	1	25	16.1
Iredell	4	0	0	0	1	5	*
Jackson	20	5	0	2	1	28	17.1
Johnston	1	1	0	0	0	2	*
Jones	5	8	0	1	1	15	25.4
Lee	3	7	0	0	0	10	17.6
Lenoir	12	2	0	0	0	14	18.7
Lincoln	9	4	0	1	0	14	31.9
McDowell	7	1	0	0	0	8	*
Macon	4	0	0	0	0	4	*
Madison	5	1	0	0	0	6	*
Martin	70	79	1	1	2	153	17.2
Mecklenburg	1	0	0	0	0	1	*
Mitchell	1	4	0	0	0	5	*
Montgomery	13	3	0	0	1	17	19.9
Moore	12	13	0	0	0	25	26.7
Nash	28	11	0	0	4	43	22.3
New Hanover	1	3	0	0	0	4	*

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Manner of Death						Total	
County of Injury	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Northhampton	5	3	0	0	1	9	*
Onslow	20	7	0	0	0	27	16.3
Orange	11	9	0	1	1	22	17.4
Pamlico	4	1	0	0	1	6	*
Pasquotank	6	0	0	0	0	6	*
Pender	8	0	0	0	0	8	*
Perquimans	1	1	0	0	0	2	*
Person	3	1	1	0	0	5	*
Pitt	13	8	0	0	1	22	14.1
Polk	4	0	0	0	0	4	*
Randolph	19	5	0	0	3	27	19.1
Richmond	8	5	1	0	2	16	34.8
Robeson	15	27	1	0	2	45	34.9
Rockingham	11	4	0	0	0	15	16.3
Rowan	19	8	1	1	0	29	20.8
Rutherford	14	2	1	0	0	17	26.8
Sampson	10	10	0	0	1	21	32.8
Scotland	3	6	0	0	0	9	*
Stanly	11	4	0	0	0	15	25.2
Stokes	8	2	0	0	1	11	23.8
Surry	10	4	0	1	0	15	20.7

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Manner of Death						Total	
County of Injury	Suicide	Homicide	Unintentional Firearm	Legal Intervention	Undetermined	Number	Rate
Swain	2	3	0	0	1	6	*
Transylvania	4	0	1	0	0	5	*
Tyrrell	22	11	0	0	0	33	17.1
Union	6	9	0	0	1	16	37.3
Vance	87	41	1	2	2	133	15.4
Wake	5	1	0	0	0	6	*
Warren	7	3	0	0	0	10	22.1
Washington	2	3	0	0	1	6	*
Watauga	4	0	1	0	0	5	*
Wayne	9	13	0	0	1	23	20.2
Wilkes	9	3	0	0	2	14	21.0
Wilson	5	6	1	0	0	12	15.5
Yadkin	4	0	0	0	0	4	*
Yancey	2	0	0	0	0	2	*

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## **GLOSSARY**

Adult	Person was 18 years of age or older on date of death.
Child	Person was less than 18 years of age on date of death.
Legal intervention	Decedent was killed by a police officer or some other peace officer, including military police, acting in the line of duty. Includes legal executions.
Occurrent death	Death occurred in N.C.. Decedent may or may not have been a N.C. resident at the time of death.
Peace officer	Person with specified legal authority to use deadly force.
Rates	Calculated as $\text{count} \times 100,000 / \text{population}$ .
Resident death	Victim was a N.C. resident at the time of death and the death occurred in N.C.. All deaths reported in this report are resident deaths.
Undetermined intent	A death resulting from the use of force or power against oneself or another person for which the evidence indicating the manner of death was not sufficient to determine intent.
Violent death	Intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person, or against a group or community. Deaths meeting this definition include suicides, homicides, and legal interventions.



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